

## S 2608

### Small Business Women's Procurement Program Improvement Act

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (4 total)

| Cosponsor                         | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Dole, Elizabeth [R-NC]       | R · NC        |      | Feb 7, 2008  |
| Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]          | R · KS        |      | Apr 2, 2008  |
| Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]       | R · GA        |      | Jun 26, 2008 |
| Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX] | R · TX        |      | Jul 15, 2008 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
|---|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Feb 7, 2008 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Small Business Women's Procurement Program Improvement Act - Amends the Small Business Act relating to the women's procurement program (the provision of contracting opportunities for women-owned small businesses) to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA) to wait until five years after the program is implemented before conducting a required study to identify industries in which small businesses owned and controlled by women are underrepresented with respect to federal procurement contracting (and therefore eligible for contracting preferences or set-asides). Presumes as underrepresented by women-owned small businesses the industries identified in industry codes 11 through 81 of the 2007 North American Industry Classification System Code.

States that a contracting officer need not make a finding of past gender discrimination by a contracting agency in order to comply with federal contracting requirements under the women's business procurement program.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 7, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 7, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S790-791)
- **Feb 7, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (text of measure as introduced: CR S791)